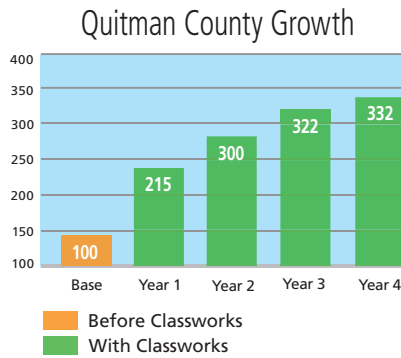


Quitman County, MS

QUITMAN COUNTY ELEMENTARY (MS) SUSTAINS ALI GROWTH OVER FOUR YEARS



Despite a 100% poverty level, Quitman was able to rise from a Level 1 to a Level 3 with the help of Classworks.

Challenge: Quitman County Elementary School (MS) has a student population that is 99% African-American and 100% poverty. In 2003, the school was at the absolute bottom of the Achievement Level Index (ALI).

Goal: Raise the school's rock bottom ALI score of 100 to "proficient" (Level 3) or higher and sustain or exceed that score over time.

Action Plan: Quitman built a solid Implementation Plan to integrate Classworks into their district's custom curriculum. Classworks created custom lesson plans by grade level, supporting the district's pacing guides. Students began attending Classworks labs twice a week for 45 minutes per day, receiving instruction that reinforced what occurred in the classroom. In addition, teachers used the weekly progress reports to monitor progress and adjust lessons as necessary.

Results:

- Quitman posted steady and continued improvement on the ALI during the first year with Classworks, making a 115-point gain and jumping from Level 1 to Level 2 with a score of 215. In their second year, they exceeded their expected growth targets and reached Level 3 (Successful).
- Four years into Classworks, Quitman Elementary's ALI score is 332. They continue to increase and sustain their ALI Level 3 (Successful) ranking.

"We began intensively using Classworks along with establishing more school structure and providing needed staff development. The school moved from Priority to Successful in one semester. As impressive as that was, the most impressive thing is that the achievement level has continued to climb.

Since that first year, administrators and some staff members have changed, but the two things that have remained consistent are Classworks and improved student achievement."

– Valmadge Towner
Superintendent of Education
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